

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 and 13-38 are pending. Claims 1, 20, 25, 28, and 29 have been amended. Claim 12 has been canceled. New claims 31-38 have been added. No new matter has been added to the amended or new claims.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-6, 9-14, 16, 18-20 and 23-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lai, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,593,860) in view of Bruno, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,262,978).

Claim Objections

Claims 28 and 29 have been amended as requested by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 12 has been canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 1 recites "a capability negotiation module adapted to: perform a capability negotiation process defined by the first protocol to provide one source capability of the plurality of source capabilities; determine one or more characteristics of a media channel coupled to the source output and adapted to support the first stream of information; and identify one destination capability of the plurality of destination capabilities," among other elements. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references, either considered alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest at least these claim elements in the manner claimed. For at least these reasons, claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-11, 13-19, 28, and 31-38, which depend from claim 1, are in condition for allowance, for at least the reasons discussed in relation to claim 1, as well as for the additional elements they recite.

Claim 20 recites "a capability negotiation process coupled to the source output, the capability negotiation process being adapted to identify the first protocol supported by the source output, determine one or more characteristics of a media channel coupled to the source output, wherein the media channel is adapted to support the first stream of information, and adapted to identify the second protocol supported by the destination input," among other elements. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references, either considered alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest at least these claim elements in the manner claimed. For at least these reasons, claim 20 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 21-24 and 29, which depend from claim 20, are in condition for allowance, for at least the reasons discussed in relation to claim 20, as well as for the additional elements they recite.

Claim 25 recites "performing a capability negotiation process defined by a first protocol to provide a source capability from a plurality of source capabilities for a stream of information; performing a capability negotiation process defined by the first protocol to provide a destination capability from a plurality of destination capabilities" and "determining one or more characteristics of a media channel coupled to the source output, wherein the media channel is adapted to support the stream of information," among other elements. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references, either considered alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest at least these claim elements in the manner claimed. For at least these reasons, claim 25 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 26, 27, and 30, which depend from claim 25, are in condition for allowance, for at least the reasons discussed in relation to claim 25, as well as for the additional elements they recite.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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